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SUBJ: ANGOLAN IN ZAIRIAN PRESS DECEMBER 20-22

1. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) EDITORIAL DECEMBER 20 WARNED THAT OAU SUMMIT JANUARY 10-12 WILL DETERMINE CREDIBILITY AND SURVIVAL OF ORGANIZATION. ITS MISSION NOT TO CHOOSE AMONG MOVEMENTS BUT TO END FIGHTING, HEAL WOUNDS, REVIVE THE ECONOMY. A CERTAIN WELL KNOWN COUNTRY UNDER GUISE OF SOLIDARITY, SEEKS TO SUBSTITUTE ITS OWN WILL FOR

WILL OF THE ANGOLANS. BARBADOS' REFUSAL TO PERMIT TRANSIT OF CUBAN AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO ANGOLA REMOVES ALL DOUBT CONCERNING CUBAN INTERFERENCE THERE. AOU MUST CHECK THIS FOREIGN INTERVENTION - BY AFRICAN PEAKKEEPING FORCE IF NECESSARY.

2. AZAP ARTICLE DECEMBER 20 CITED DEC. 19 FNLA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED  
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KINSHASA CONGRATULATING BARBADOS ON ITS DECISION TO CLOSE ITS

AIRPORTS TO PLANES TRANSPORTING CUBAN TROOPS TO ANGOLA. HOPED TO SEE GUINEA-BISSAU AND CONGO FOLLOW SUIT. SAID BARADOS DECISION CONFIRMS FNLA/UNITA CHARGE REGARDING SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION. CLAIMED THAT INTERVENTION BEGAIN IN APRIL 1975 WITH ARRIVAL LUANDA OF 52 MILITARY EXPERTS WHO, BEFORE APRIL 25, 1974 HAD BEEN WORKING WITH PAIGC INGUINEA-BISSAU. RECALLED THAT PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER CARDOSO ON MAY 1, 1975 HAD EXPELLED 8 AGITATORS - TWO CUBANS, ONE SOVIET.

3. AZAP DECEMBER 22 CITED DOCUMENT PUBLISHED BY FNLA AT HUAMBO (ANGOLA) DETAILING SOVIET EQUIPMENT LANDED AT LUANDA (VIA POINTE NOIRE) IN SINGLE WEEK LAST OCTOBER:

12 MIG 21'S, 374 TANKS, 39 ARMORED CARS, 200 ROCKET LAUNCHERS, 180 CARBINES, 90 SUB-MACHINE GUNS, 70 MACHINEGUNS. DOCUMENT SAID SOVIETS ABLE TO FORCE CUBANS TO SEND TROOPS TO ANGOLA BECAUSE CUBA DEPENDS ON USSR TO TUNE OF \$2M A DAY. ALLEGED THAT CUBAN INTERFERENCE DATES FROM MID-1975; THAT 50 HAD ARRIVED JULY 25, 1975 TO HELP ASSEMBLE SOVIET ARMS STOCKPILE AT POINTEE NOIRE, DESTINED FOR MPLA. NUMBERS MOUNTED SINCE JULY UNTIL BY OCT. 24THERE WERE ABOUT 2400 CUBAN REGULARS IN ANGOLA. SHIPS INVOLVED IN TRANSPORT WERE CUBAN VESSELS ISLAS CORAL, VIETNAM HEROICE, CERRO PELADO, PLAYA DE HABANA AND THE ANGOLA COASTAL VESSEL (POINTE NOIRE - LUANDA) LUANDA-LUANDA. ANGOLAN PORTS USED WERE LUANDA AND PORTO AMBRIZ.  
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